Import of Silk from China

1877. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government has put a stop to import of silk from China;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total silk imported from China during the last three years; year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The total silk imported from China during the last three years i.e. 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 is given below:

Year	*Qty (MT)*	*Value*	
		Crore Rs.	*Mn. US $*
2002-03	7214	516.29	106.69
2003-04	7576	520.33	113.21
2004-05 (Provisional)	7210	553.07	123.10

Development of silk industry

1878. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for the promotion and development of silk industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to implement the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Several programmes and schemes to increase the quality, productivity and the competitiveness of the domestic silk industry